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Eileen S. Stommes, Deputy Administrator
USDA-AMS-TM-NOP, AG Stop 0275, Room 4007-SO.
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Dear Ms. Stommes,

I am writing in response to the proposed National Organic Standards to let you know that I do not want genetically engineered organisms, processing agents or agricultural inputs to be allowed in organic farming and handling under any circumstances - even on a case by case basis. I also ask that you prohibit the use of irradiation and sewage sludge in organic farming and handling. And, I also ask that the standard for the treatment of livestock and fee structure for certification be consistent with the recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

The NOSB represents a broad consensus of organic farmers, manufacturers, retailers and consumers regarding the principles of organic agriculture and food production. To formulate regulations that do not reflect their recommendations on these issues and many others will gravely weaken consumer confidence in the organic label and threaten the viability of this industry. I ask that you rewrite this draft and resubmit it for our review.

Thank you for including my input in your final decision!

Sincerely,

Sue J. Barker-Miller

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